



End Violence Partnership and Fund

6th Knowledge Exchange Webinar Recap

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(1) Disrupting Harm: Evidence from 14 countries on the context, threats, and children's perspectives of online child sexual exploitation and abuse

Marie-Laure Lemineur, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes at ECPAT International, **Marjo Reyes**, Project Manager at INTERPOL, and **Daniel Kardefelt Winther**, Children & Digital Research Lead at UNICEF Innocenti, provided a brief overview and update on the 'Disrupting Harm' project they are implementing collaboratively. Disrupting Harm is a research initiative that will assess the scale, nature and context of online CSEA in 14 countries across Southern and Eastern Africa and Southeast Asia.

QUESTIONS: Grantees asked if INTERPOL will use data from NCMEC, if it would be possible to access the literature review conducted by UNICEF Innocenti and LSE this year, as well as if it would be possible to use the project's instruments (e.g. surveys, Global Kids Online (GKO) adaptation, etc.) to ensure comparability in other countries even if they are not part of Disrupting Harm.

ANSWERS: Yes, INTERPOL will include data from NCMEC, and the literature review and instruments will be accessible to everyone when they are ready. There will be two versions of the GKO, one focusing more generally on online experiences, and the second one more specific to online CSEA.

(2) UNICEF Uganda: Integration of online CSEA into Uganda's child protection system - from an issue-based approach to system strengthening

Laura Fragiaco, Child Protection Specialist at UNICEF Uganda, shared Uganda's experience on how online CSEA has been integrated within the broader child protection system in the country, and in initiatives addressing other forms of violence, such as gender-based violence (GBV). Some of the lessons learned include but are not limited to:

- It is strategically important to build or strengthen one protection system that addresses the needs of both children and women;
- Use End Violence resources to support the integration of online protection into a strengthened protection system in line with Government priorities, while specializing the system where needed (e.g. digital forensics training for police);
- In order to prevent and respond to online CSEA, the core system needs to be in place, such as (i) an enabling environment, (ii) prevention (positive social norms), and (iii) response services (social service workforce strengthening);
- Partnership building, especially with Ministries, can be very time consuming but necessary for coordination and sustainability of investments;
- UN delivers as one for greater leverage – e.g. joint UNICEF/UNWOMEN/UNDP consultancy to strengthen the training curricula for the investigation and prosecution of GBV/violence against children, including online CSEA.

QUESTION: It was asked if UNICEF Uganda developed any training material for social workers and other service providers.



ANSWER: Laura clarified that they are just about to start the process of reviewing existing training material for social welfare officers and para social workers to ensure inclusion of online violence.

(3) Palestinian Centre for Democracy and Conflict Resolution (PCDCR): Awareness raising, empowerment and media strategies to create a safe online environment for children

Nour Hamadneh, Fundraising, Public Relations and Communication Officer, shared PCDCR's experience of working specifically at the community and society level to bring education, awareness and action to end violence against children online in 10 governorates in the West Bank area in Palestine. Particularly, the organization implemented this specific component of the project via the following:

- **Cooperation agreement with the Palestinian Police** to deliver training to 194 police officers;
- **MoU with the Ministry of Social Development** to train 171 members of the Child Protection Network;
- **Collaboration with CBOs** to implement awareness raising sessions with 433 children; and,
- **MoU with the Ministry of Education** to implement Open Days activities with 14,550 children (between 7 and 18 years old) and 405 parents in 40 schools, as well as capacity building sessions with 600 teachers and 404 school counsellors.

QUESTIONS: Grantees asked if it would be possible to have greater details about the theatre performances and to access the resources developed for parents and children, as well as if any formal evaluation of the activities was conducted to measure the short-term effect and long-term retention.

ANSWERS: Nour confirmed that she would be happy to share the material and any other information. She also clarified that activities were evaluated throughout the project, including follow-up evaluation meetings with school counsellors and the Ministry of Education.

(4) End Violence Fund Update

Trang Ho Morton, Partnerships Specialist at End Violence Fund, provided a brief update as follows:

- **Grantee Convening:** The Fund received confirmation from 34 grantee partners and is following up with 2 more to try to ensure 100% participation if possible. The Secretariat is in the process of finalizing an *Administrative Note* which will have instructions on how tickets can be purchased, and hotel reservations can be made, as well as a *Note Verbale* from the MoFA of Ethiopia to support visa applications. An agenda for the Convening will be shared and some grantees will be invited to co-design some sessions based on their experience and technical expertise. Convening participants are invited and encouraged to attend the WPGA Global Summit as it will be a great opportunity to network with each other and with other guests, including potential donors.
- **2019 Funding Round:** The Fund would like to encourage all grantees to share the new Open Call for Proposals with their networks. Expressions of Interest can be submitted until 6 December 2019. Those that meet the minimum criteria will be invited to submit a full proposal. Additional information is available on End Violence website, which includes a FAQ section. The Fund expects to announce a new set of grantees by Quarter 1 of 2020.
- **End Violence Communications:** The Fund continues to increase its capacity in communications to better share results from the field. As such, the Secretariat would like



to encourage all grantees to share results and major achievement to communicate what is being achieved globally. In this regard, if grantees are hosting an event or have communication materials from their projects (e.g. videos, human interest stories, case studies, etc.) that could be considered for the End Violence social media and/or website, they should write to Serena and copy Trang so that these can be reviewed and uploaded as appropriate. To conclude, all grantees are encouraged to follow End Violence on social media and to provide feedback on the webinars.

